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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Adequacy of State Department Implementation of NSCID 10

1. NSCID 10 (TAB C) assigns to the State Department the responsibility for the collection of basic scientific intelligence of overt sources abroad on behalf of the community, including:

a. Arrangements for collaboration with military attaches;

b. State Department taking "appropriate measures to obtain the necessary funds from Congress or from the agencies served" to provide adequate collection; and

c. The Department calling "upon agencies of the Government which require scientific or technological information for advice and assistance as may be necessary in connection with the requirements" of NSCID 10.

2. Park Armstrong has written to you a letter attached as TAB B, reviewing the performance of the Department in implementing NSCID 10 since its approval of January 18, 1949. It also indicates basic considerations in the conduct of this responsibility and suggests possible lines of expansion to more adequately meet CIA needs.

3. The offices under the DD/I have recently been concerned about certain short-comings in collection of information from overt sources abroad in general, including scientific, and I am establishing a task force among the Assistant Directors to thoroughly review this problem and submit recommendations. This review is taken into account, you will note, in the second paragraph of the letter.

4. The letter attached in TAB A to Park Armstrong isolates the major points regarding the Science Advisor and science attache aspect of the NSCID 10 implementation, wherein we think improvement is possible and desirable. This interchange of correspondence will, I believe, block out the major questions regarding the Science Advisor's office and the scientific attache system and provide a useful basis for engaging in discussion at the working level.

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